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Dear Mr. Schmidt,

On behalf of the Spokane Riverkeeper, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the "Amendment to Agreed Order No. 2692 (Amendment)" which requires the investigation into new technologies to treat PCBs. We believe that new treatment technologies hold promise for reducing the PCB load into our river and should be explored. Please include the additions of the actions below in the Amendment. We believe these additions will create a more accountable project that adheres to the outlined timelines and allows for public oversight.

Public reporting requirements should be included in the Amendment. Please issue bimonthly (1 report every 2 mo.) reports updating the current progress of the project, including any updates to the tasks in Phase 1 and 2 of Exhibit B-A2. Include the changes to schedule and scope of project and data and construction quality assurance summaries. Include data and summaries on the evaluation of destruction/removal efficiency of each technology.

Please require the evaluation of multiple inline technologies for reducing PCBs. For example, treating PCBs with UV light after filtering through Walnut Shell Filter.

Include ample and substantial public notification and comment for new or changed permits. The possibility of changing permits that may affect water quality in the Spokane River should be a public process.

Please make Hart-Crowser reports cited in Findings of Fact in the Ammendment No. 2 to the Agreed order public. These reports have significant findings that public should have access to.

Thank you,

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